

DOUGHERTY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students:

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Dougherty Valley High School (DVHS), it is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you to the 2009-10 school year. The faculty and staff are looking forward to welcoming approximately 1,450 students this year along with our first graduating class of seniors. Our parent community is busy preparing for our first ever Grad Night for our senior class. This event is sponsored by our parents and immediately follows the graduation ceremony on June 11, 2010 until 4 a.m. The Grad Night committee works all year long to plan and provide a safe and fun night of games, a hypnotist show, refreshments and prizes for our graduates. The committee needs your help. If you are interested in supporting this program and can volunteer your time, contact Elaine O'Hanlon at ohanlon@sbcglobal.net.

I am pleased to inform you that the district rescinded lay-off notices and we were able to hire back 30 staff members. In addition, we are in the process of hiring approximately 17 new staff members to support the addition of our 450 new 9th graders. The following letter includes information on the registration process and student orientation. The district recently added a new federally mandated Ethnicity & Race enrollment form which is included in this letter. Please complete and return this form with the rest of your registration materials in August.

STUDENT REGISTRATION PACKETS:

Individual student Registration Packets will be available in the DVHS attendance office **August 10 - 14, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Parents or students may pick up the packets. Packets must be picked up prior to the August 18 Wildcat Registration.

NEW WEBSTORE – FOR PURCHASE OF YEARBOOK, CAP AND GOWN AND OTHER ITEMS:

We are pleased to announce the addition of our new DVHS WebStore at www.dvhigh.net. The WebStore will allow parents the opportunity to select and pay for their student's registration items using either debit or credit cards prior to registration day. **The use of debit/credit cards will ONLY be available through the WebStore and we will only be able to accept cash and/or checks at registration.** You must bring your WebStore receipt with you, along with all required forms, when you attend Registration on August 18. We encourage the use of our WebStore as a means of expediting the registration process. Details and instructions will be included in your registration packet.

MANDATORY WILDCAT REGISTRATION: Tuesday, August 18, DVHS Commons (See your assigned alpha session below. Students must attend with a parent or guardian.)

A-K 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. L-Z 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. A-Z 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wildcat Registration is an opportunity for students to purchase an **ASB Underclassman Package** (\$125.00, includes yearbook, free admission to home athletic games, free class t-shirt and discounts on dances and other ASB activities) or a **Senior Wildcat Package** (\$175.00, includes all of the above plus Senior breakfast and graduation Cap and Gown). School ID card (9th – 12th) and yearbook photographs (9th – 11th) will be taken at registration. **If your 12th grade student has not already scheduled an appointment for his/her senior yearbook photo, please contact Pro Image at 925-803-8200 to do so as soon as possible.** Additional information in your student's packet includes:

- School Loop registration information – DVHS grading and communication tool
- Required SRVUSD Forms, Policies and Procedures
- Student Guidebook containing school policies and procedures (we are not distributing student planners this year)
- Student Parking Permit Application (juniors and seniors)
- PTSA & Booster Group Information

NEW THIS YEAR: *Forms that are included in the colored folder in your student's registration packet must be signed and returned IN THE FOLDER to Station #1 at registration.* Students will only receive their class schedule if all required forms are completed and returned at registration.

STUDENT ORIENTATION FOR FRESHMEN & STUDENTS NEW TO DVHS: Friday, August 21, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., DVHS Theater.

Class schedules will be distributed and students will tour the school. To receive their class schedules, students must have completed and submitted all required forms at registration.

FRESHMAN WELCOME DANCE: Friday, August 21, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., DVHS Quad

Admission is free. Dress code policy applies.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Tuesday, August 25 - Minimum Day

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Length</u>
A	7:30 - 8:05	35	Brunch	10:05 - 10:20	15
1	8:10 - 8:45	35	4	10:25 - 11:00	35
2	8:50 - 9:25	35	5	11:05 - 11:40	35
3	9:30 - 10:05	35	6	11:45 - 12:20	35

For more information on DVHS dates including fall athletic try-outs and opportunities, please visit our website at www.dvhigh.net. Our front office will be closed until August 10. The registrar will be available during the summer at 479-6422. Call ahead to make an appointment.

We are confident that your student will have a challenging and rewarding year at Dougherty Valley High School. Maintaining a strong parent-community partnership is critical for a successful educational experience. Thank you for your continued support and interest in DVHS.

Sincerely,



Denise Hibbard
Principal